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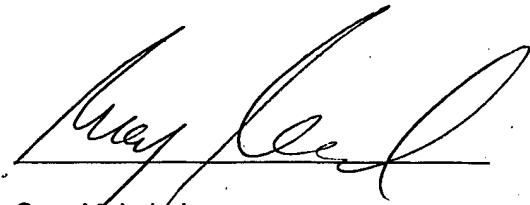
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated January 11, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1-20.

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The appeal fee was paid in a previous appeal herein. The examiner re-opened prosecution prior to any decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. No fee is now due.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

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